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ABC Wins National Award for Grant Assistance Program

The Department Accepts Award in Orlando, Florida from NLLEA

Orlando, Florida – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has been honored by the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA) for its Grant Assistance Program (GAP). The Department received the award on August 3, 2007, for administering the most Innovative Liquor Law Enforcement Program of the Year. The announcement was made at the annual NLLEA conference held in Orlando, Florida.

This year, ABC's Grant Assistance Program will provide \$3 million to 38 local law enforcement agencies in California to help them fight alcohol-related crime. GAP was created in 1995 and has received numerous awards since. In the 12 year history, the program has provided \$23.4 million to 314 local law enforcement agencies, and approximately 71,000 law enforcement personnel have been trained to enforce alcohol laws in California. The program has produced over 66,000 arrests and 27, 500 bookings. Over 37,000 accusations have been filed.

ABC Director Steve Hardy said, "We are pleased and honored to receive this award from the NLLEA. We believe this program will reduce the availability of alcohol to minors and drunk driving by minors, thus saving lives."

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Dale E. Bonner, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.